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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT: DEBRIEF ON US-SOVIET
TALKS AND MEXICO CONFERENCE

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1. DCM BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY BARRIERO MAFFIODO
ON US-SOVIET TALKS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT ON
AUGUST 30. DURING THIS MEETING AND FOLLOWUP MEETING BETWEEN EMBOFF
AND FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THE FOLLOWING
PARAGUAYAN POSITION EMERGED.

2. THE GOP WELCOMES THE US-SOVIET BILATERAL TALKS, BELIEVES THAT
THIS IS WHERE EFFORTS FOR TRUE RESTRAINT MUST BEGIN AND IN GENERAL
WILL SUPPORT SUCH INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARD DISARMAMENT AS LONG
AS EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION PROVISIONS ARE INCLUDED.

3. PARAGUAY, HOWEVER, DID NOT ATTEND THE MEXICO CITY LATIN AMERICAN
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CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATION CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH INVITED,
(REFTEL B) BECAUSE THIS INITIATIVE IS NOT SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA
AND BRAZIL. BECAUSE OF THEIR GEO-POSITION, THE
PARAGUAYANS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USELESS FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE
IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE MEXICAN CONFERENCE IN THE ABSENCE OF
THEIR TWO GIANT NEIGHBORS. IN FACT, UNDERSECRETARY
BARREIRO MAFFIODO INDICATED THAT PARAGUAY MAY BE UNDER SOME

OBLIGATION TO BRAZIL TO BOYCOTT THESE REGIONAL EFFORTS WHICH
STEM FROM THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO. THESE OFFICIALS ALSO
POINT TOUT THAT CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT HAS LITTLE MEANING
WHERE PARAGUAY IS CONCERNED AS THE GOP HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A
POLICY OF SPENDING THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM FOR ARMS FOR MANY YEARS.
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